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FOR INFLATABLE DEVICES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Concurrently with the filing of the above-referenced application and prior to the substantive examination thereof, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Q1  
Page 1, after line 1, insert --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Q2  
Page 2, after line 10, insert --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;

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line 20, change "Accordingly, the present" to --The present--.

Q3  
Page 8, after line 8, insert --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Q4  
Page 8, after line 20, insert --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED

EMBODIMENTS--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Q5  
Page 15, line 1, delete "Claims:" and insert --WHAT IS CLAIMED IS--.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1, line 5, after "therethrough," insert --and--; and